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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Files - Hazardous Waste

FROM: Julie Sellick *JS*

SUBJECT: Universal Manufacturing Corporation and Universal Sheet Metal Inc., Woodinville, Washington

On September 27, 1982, Mike Dawda and I conducted water quality and hazardous waste inspections of the Universal Manufacturing Corporation facility in Woodinville, Washington. We met with Mr. David Nance, plating manager, and Mr. Donald Jenkins, owner. The following serves to document our observations and information obtained from those two gentlemen.

Universal Manufacturing Corporation is involved in a recycling loop with Southern California Chemical Company, Inc., for copper etchant supply and transport. They buy their other chemicals from Chemithon Corporation in Seattle.

Mr. Jenkins sold the metal shop part of Universal Manufacturing Corporation to Mr. Dick Peterson, who is now operating the business as Universal Sheet Metal, Inc. I spoke with Mr. Rick Marble, the plant foreman for Universal Sheet Metal, Inc., about the hazardous waste generated by that facility. Mr. Marble informed me that some of the wastes generated by the metal shop are methyl ethyl ketone (used in spray paint guns), caustic waste (from metal etching), and phosphoric acid. There may be other wastes generated however, as they get the business established. Mr. Marble is going to work with Mr. Nance and Mr. Snyder (of Liquid Waste Disposal) to fill out a Notification of Dangerous Waste Activity for Universal Sheet Metal, Inc., and mail it to this department.

Universal Manufacturing Corporation is still experiencing serious financial problems and are operating with a "skeleton" staff. Their hazardous waste management and housekeeping has improved substantially. There were only a couple of unlabeled drums onsite, and subsequent investigation indicated that these drums were filled with rainwater.

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